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1. FOLLOWING IS STATUS REPORT OF REMAINS PANAM/KLM VICTIMS AND
PERSONAL EFFECTS AT TENERIFE.

2. TENERIFE TEAM REPORTS THAT PREPARATION OF REMAINS PANAM
VICTIMS FOR TRANSPORT U.S. IS NEARING COMPLETION. ETA AND
DESTINATION OF REMAINS IN U.S. NOT YET KNOWN. ACCORDING
TO REPORT OF FORENSIC TEAM MEMBERS THEY ESTIMATE 20 WHOLE
BODIES AND 100 RELATIVELY INTACT BODIES. THE REST ARE
CONSIDERED TO BE PARTIAL REMAINS. ALL REMAINS ARE CHARRED
IN VARYING DEGREES AND IN POOR CONDITION. EXPERTS
BELIEVE AT THIS TIME THAT THEY MAY NEVER ACCOUNT FOR
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ALL VICTIMS LISTED AND THEY WILL BE DECLARED MISSING
AND PRESUMED DEAD.

3. WITH REGARD TO SEPARATION OF VICTIMS ABOARD PANAM
AND KLM AIRCRAFT, TENERIFE TEAM REPORTED THAT AFTER
COLLISION THE TWO AIRCRAFT WERE SEPARATED BY CONSIDERABLE
DISTANCE ON RUNWAY, THEREFORE VICTIMS NOT INTERMIXED.

THIS INFORMATION CONSISTENT WITH REPORT GIVEN TO
US BY NETHERLANDS EMBASSY MADRID.

4. PANAM PERSONAL EFFECTS ARE SECURED AT LOS RODEOS
AIRPORT. ALL EFFECTS RECOVERED ARE IN POOR CONDITION
AS MOST OF THEM DAMAGED BY FIRE. PANAM IS PLANNING TO
TRANSPORT EFFECTS TO U.S. ALONG WITH REMAINS.

5. THERE ARE REPORTS FROM NETHERLANDS EMBASSY MADRID THAT
KLM IDENTIFIED MAJORITY OF VICTIMS BUT THUS FAR WE HAVE BEEN
UNABLE TO CONFIRM THIS WITH KLM HERE OR OTHER SOURCES. THERE IS
NO INFORMATION REGARDING IDENTIFICATION OF AMERICAN VICTIMS
ABOARD, TWIST MOTHER, AND CHILD AND MR. AND
MRS. DONALD GILLIS.

6. REMAINS OF KLM DEAD ARE BEING TRANSPORTED FROM
TENERIFE TO LAS PALMAS BY SURFACE AND FROM THERE ARE
SCHEDULED TO BE TRANSPORTED BY AIR ON APRIL 1 TO
AMSTERDAM WHERE FORENSIC EXPERTS WILL CONTINUE
IDENTIFICATION PROCESS.

7. PERSONAL EFFECTS OF KLM VICTIMS ARE REPORTED TO BE
90 PERCENT DESTROYED. REMAINDER OF EFFECTS ARE
SCHEDULED TO BE TRANSPORTED TO AMSTERDAM ALONG WITH
REMAINS OF VICTIMS. EATON

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